

KASEY STANFIELD

Kasey is very proud of being the first in her family to complete a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from Utah State University. Born with moderate to severe hardness of hearing, Kasey worked hard in high school and college to obtain good grades, integrating into regular classes with the assistance of the Vocational Rehabilitation program. She obtained digital hearing aids, an ear mold, tuition, and books. Currently she is employed full time, hoping to move into management with her company and continue her education.



LAURA PARKE

Now completing a doctorate in Physical Chemistry at the University of Utah, Laura says that without the support of the Vocational Rehabilitation program and her counselor, she would not be in the program and working as a chemist research assistant. Unfortunately, the medication treatments for her disability led to a secondary disability that prevented her from continuous attendance for her undergraduate degree. Persevering through the relapses and hospitalizations, she completed her degree and is doing great things. Laura has been published several times in a peer review journal and looks forward to a future as a professor at a university.



LONNIE FOX

While competing as a motorcycle racer and enjoying the sport at a family campout, Lonnie had an unfortunate accident that left him quadriplegic. Lonnie had attended school previous to the accident, so after recovery Lonnie continued his studies as a designer/draftsman with the help of the Vocational Rehabilitation program and a very supportive family. Vocational Rehabilitation provided assistance with tuition, assistive technology modifications, a computer and a plotter. Lonnie is a self-employed designer of homes for a construction firm building 80 to 100 custom homes a year. He will also be terminating his Social Security Disability benefits soon. Lonnie said that without the services received from the Vocational Rehabilitation program he would not have been able to support the cost of starting his own business.

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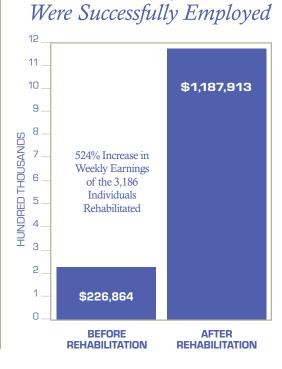


Vocational Rehabilitation Program Services

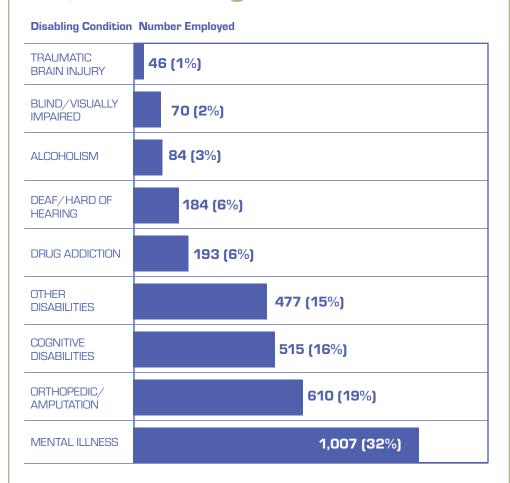
Eligible individuals, in partnership with their Vocational Rehabilitation counselor, assess their rehabilitation needs, establish an employment goal, and develop a plan to reach that goal. The plan includes the following information: services needed to reach the goal, who will provide the services, a time line, and evaluation criteria to measure progress toward the goal.

Services are available according to needs, abilities, and choices. These services may include medical restoration and treatment, counseling and guidance, assistive technology, job placement, and follow-up, as well as other services needed to assist consumers to attain their employment goals.

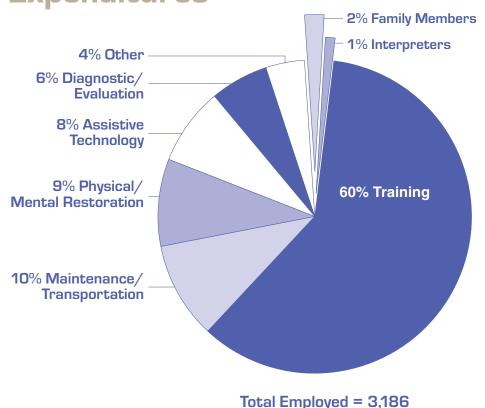
Economic Impact 3,186



Major Disabling Conditions



Expenditures



Utah's VR Program Is Productive and Cost Effective

	UTAH	Colorado	Idaho	Montana	Nevada	New Mexico	North Dakota	Oregon	South Dakota	Wyoming
Number of Clients Placed in Jobs	3,186	2,209	1,996	909	1,149	1,872	864	2,995	860	670
Average Number Placed in Jobs per Counselor	26	21	28	23	26	30	22	24	24	23
Cost per Client Rehabilitated	\$7,895	\$14,734	\$7,376	\$11,716	\$14,445	\$11,695	\$10,367	\$11,144	\$10,486	\$12,229
Average Caseload Size	184	111	130	197	64	86	172	146	90	72

Highlights

The following information demonstrates the individual and program success Vocational Rehabilitation achieved during 2006:

- 3,186 individuals with disabilities were successfully employed.
- ➤ 21,952 individuals were provided with Vocational Rehabilitation services.
- ▶ 97 percent of those employed were severely disabled.
- ➤ 289 public assistance recipients were successfully employed.
- ► 448 Social Security Disability Insurance recipients were successfully employed.
- ▶ 66 individuals were successfully employed through supported employment services.
- ▶ \$12,354,295 in estimated annual taxes were paid by 3,186 employed individuals after Vocational Rehabilitation services were provided.

Occupations of the 3,186 Individuals Rehabilitated

